



**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535**

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To: SAC, Washington Field Office (9-3912)

April 7, 1976

From: Director, FBI

REC-64

FBI FILE NO.

LAB. NO.

D-760331009 NV

Re: UNSUB; aka
VIC BEVERFORD;
THREATENING LETTER POSTMARKED
RINCON, NEW MEXICO, 3/16/76
SENATOR FRANK CHURCH - VICTIM;
EXTORTION

OO: Albuquerque

Examination requested by: Washington Field Office

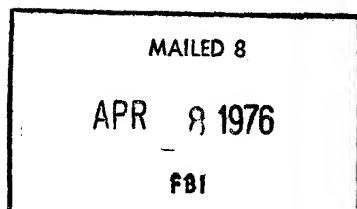
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Examination requested: Document

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The submitted evidence, which has been
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Laboratory Work Sheet

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" *100-1* file *at 4/6*

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Date: 3/26/76

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL _____
(Precedence)

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY

FROM: SAC, WFO (9-3912) (P)

UNSUB; aka *Mr Bureau Indices*
 VIC BEVERFORD;
 Threatening Letter Postmarked
 Rincon, New Mexico, 3/16/76
 SENATOR FRANK CHURCH - VICTIM
 EXT
 (OO:AQ)

Enclosed for the Bureau are three xerox copies
 of threatening letter addressed to Senator FRANK CHURCH,
 U.S. Senate, Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. (WDC)
 20510, postmarked Rincon, New Mexico, on 3/16/76.

Enclosed for AQ are two copies of letter.

The threat consists of: One handwritten page
 directed to Senator CHURCH and signed by VIC BEVERFORD,
 Box 74, Rincon, New Mexico 87940, wherein the author states
 that the Nation does not need victim and "I said it once.
 I repeat. You ought to be shot!"

The Bureau has instructed that this matter must
 receive vigorous and continuous attention until fully
 resolved. A summary teletype, from the Office of Origin,
 must reach the Bureau by Close of Business (COB) 10 working
 days after receipt of this communication, immediately
 followed by an LHM, from the Office of Origin, suitable
 for dissemination.

ENCLOSURE

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ENCLOSURE ATTACHED

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Approved: _____

Special Agent in Charge

Sent _____

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COPY & SPECIMENS RETAINED IN L&S
 FOR LAB ACTION & REPORT
 3-31-76

UNREC COPY AND COPY OF ENCL FILED IN 62-109276-

WFO 9-3912

This material was received on 3/23/76 from SAIC [redacted] Intelligence Division, U.S. Secret Service, WDC. USSS has made a check of their name and visual files of previously submitted letters with negative results.

USSS is conducting an investigation to further identify the unknown subject so that it can be determined if he is a danger to government dignitaries protected by them.

On this date, SA [redacted] advised the following individuals of the threat:

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[redacted] U.S. Capitol Police, WDC.

[redacted] Intelligence Division, MPD, WDC.

Lab be advised that USSS has maintained original copy of letter to assist their investigation of this matter.

REQUEST OF THE BUREAU

The Laboratory Division is requested to search this material through the Anonymous Letter File and conduct other appropriate examination. Lab furnish results expeditiously to Office of Origin.

LEADS

ALBUQUERQUE

AT RINCON, NEW MEXICO. (1) Present to USA for prosecutive opinion.

(2) Notify local authorities and local USSS office.

(3) Submit summary teletype to Bureau by COB 10 work days after receipt of airtel, immediately followed by LHM (or report if appropriate) suitable for dissemination. Insure WFO furnished copy so USSS H.Q. may be advised if USA authorizes.

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Date: 4/2/76

Transmit the following in _____
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(Precedence)

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, ALBUQUERQUE (9-958) (C)

"CHANGED"
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 THREATENING LETTER POSTMARKED
 RINCON, NEW MEXICO - 3/16/76,
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 EXTORTION
 OO: Albuquerque

Title is changed to show full name of subject as VICTOR BYRON BEVERFORD, since he has admitted writing questioned letter. Title previously carried as "UNSUB, aka VIC BEVERFORD; Threatening Letter Postmarked Rincon, New Mexico, 3/16/76, SENATOR FRANK CHURCH - VICTIM, EXTORTION, OO: Albuquerque."

Enclosed for the Bureau are five copies, and for Washington Field one copy each of LHM relating to this matter. Also enclosed for the Bureau and WFO is one copy each of U. S. Secret Service report of SA [REDACTED] 3/24/76, at Albuquerque, New Mexico, relating to this matter.

Since Secret Service has handled initial interview with subject and Assistant U. S. Attorney, Albuquerque, has declined, no further investigation being conducted by Albuquerque, UACB.

2- Bureau (Enc 6) (RAM)
 1- WFO (9-3912) (Enc 2) (Info) (RAM) **MCT-18**
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Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
 Special Agent in Charge



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Albuquerque, New Mexico
April 2, 1976

VICTOR BYRON BEVERFORD;
THREATENING LETTER POSTMARKED
RINCON, NEW MEXICO - MARCH 16, 1976
SENATOR FRANK CHURCH - VICTIM
EXTORTION

Investigation was initiated upon receipt of a Xerox copy of a letter addressed to Senator FRANK CHURCH, United States Senate, Senate Office Building, Washington, D. C., by the Washington Field Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. This letter reads: "Senator Church, U. S. Senate! Why??? This nation needs you in the Senate like it needs rocks in its head! I said it once. I repeat, you ought to be shot! You and that Commie writer on your committee. Nuff Sed. Vic Beverford, Box 74, Rincon, New Mexico 87940."

Mr. JOHN PAUL JONES, Agent in Charge, United States Secret Service, Albuquerque, New Mexico, advises this letter was referred to Secret Service Headquarters, Washington, D. C., March 19, 1976, by the Office of Senator CHURCH; and Secret Service Agent [redacted] Albuquerque, promptly proceeded to Rincon, New Mexico, and talked to Mr. BEVERFORD who admitted writing letter, stating his opinions of CHURCH, and said he never intended any harm to Senator CHURCH.

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VICTOR BYRON BEVERFORD is described as a white male American, born December 18, 1898, at Crookston, Minnesota, occupation - retired, weight - 175 pounds.

Assistant United States Attorney MARK C. MEIERING, Albuquerque, New Mexico, on April 2, 1976, advised he feels letter does not constitute a violation under the statute in view of the explanation by Mr. BEVERFORD and is not a threat. He further declines in view of the age of the writer of questioned letter.

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency. It and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

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VICTOR BYRON BEVERFORD

No record of an arrest for VICTOR BYRON BEVERFORD could be found at the Dona Ana County Sheriff's Office, Las Cruces, New Mexico (which covers Rincon, New Mexico).

Secret Service has submitted a report of their investigation.

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY
UNITED STATES SECRET SERVICE

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ORIGIN Intelligence	OFFICE Albuquerque, NM	CASE NO. CO-2-72,954
TYPE OF CASE Intelligence - 601	STATUS Closed	TITLE OR CAPTION Name of Subject: VICTOR BYRON BEVERFORD
INVESTIGATION MADE AT Hatch, New Mexico	PERIOD COVERED 3/22, 3/23/76	Present Whereabouts: Rincon, New Mexico
INVESTIGATION MADE BY SA [redacted]		Quarterly Investigations: No

SYNOPSIS

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Subject interviewed; advised he would not ever shoot Senator Church. He expressed no interest in anyone protected by this Service. Subject stated he wrote the letter because he is dissatisfied with the way Senator Church has run the Senate Intelligence Committee. Quarterly investigations are not being initiated.

(A) INTRODUCTION:

Reference is made to TWX No. 090 from Intelligence Division to this office dated 3/19/76 requesting personal interview with the subject.

(B) IDENTITY AND BACKGROUND OF SUBJECT:

Name : Victor Byron Beverford
Alias : None
Current Address : Same as captioned address
Home Address : P. O. Box 74, Rincon, New Mexico 87940
Employment : Retired
Place of Birth : Crookston, Minnesota
DOB : 12/18/1898
Race : White
Complexion : Tan

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John Paul Jones SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE		3/24/76

MEMORANDUM REPORT

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Sex : Male
Height : 5' 7"
Weight : 175
Hair : Gray
Eyes : Green
Scars and Marks : Scar 2" long, back of left hand
Photo and Date : None (On date subject was interviewed, camera failed to function properly and no other camera was available; therefore a photograph was not obtained of the subject.)
Prior Confinement : None
Social Security No. : b2
U.S. Army Serial No. :
Drivers License : NM 5044332 due to expire 12/77

Secret Service Judicial Action: No judicial action of any type was taken by this Service concerning the subject.

Mental History: Subject claims no mental confinement prior to interview, and nothing was developed to show otherwise.

Criminal History: Subject stated that in the fall of 1975 he was arrested for speeding in Flagstaff, Arizona area and was fined \$2 per mile, for a total fine of \$26. Subject further stated that in his early 20's, he was arrested in South Dakota for drunk and disorderly. Local law enforcement agencies were contacted concerning the subject, and he was not of record with any of them.

Education and Training: Subject stated he completed intermediate school in Los Angeles in 1915; name of the school is unknown. Subject stated he has taken two or three educational courses concerning welding, painting and hobby courses. Subject denied knowledge concerning firearms, having received only limited training in firearms when he served in the U. S. Army, and the subject stated, "I forgot everything they taught me." Subject stated he has no background of any type on the use of explosives, does not own a typewriter and does not possess any skills of protective interest.

Addictions and Deviations: Subject stated he does drink alcohol in limited amounts, uses no narcotics and does not have any sexual deviations. During the course of investigation, nothing was developed to contradict information furnished by the subject.

Marital Status and Family History: Subject stated that in 1926 he was married to [redacted] and divorced her in 1928. No children were born of this union. Subject stated that both his parents are deceased. Subject has one brother by the name of [redacted] whereabouts unknown. Subject further stated he has no other living relatives.

Organizational Affiliations: Subject stated he is a retired member of the union where he was employed and belongs to several social clubs in the Hatch and Truth or Consequences area.

Citizenship: Subject is a United States citizen by virtue of his birth in Crookston, Minnesota.

Military Service Record: Subject stated he served in the U. S. Army from 1917 to 1919, receiving an honorable discharge in Cheyenne, Wyoming. Subject stated that when he was discharged he had attained the rank of private first class.

(C) INTERVIEW WITH SUBJECT:

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On 3/23/76, the subject was interviewed at his residence. Present during the interview was Dona Ana County Sheriff Deputy [redacted] No property of any type was taken from the subject.

The subject was questioned specifically concerning the letter he had written to Senator Church and mailed on 3/16/76. The subject stated he believes Church should be shot because he, Church, is telling the Communists all our "security secrets". Subject stated he feels very strongly against revealing our strengths and weaknesses to other countries, especially those with which we are at war. Subject stated he would in no way ever harm Senator Church but believes someone should shoot him because of his treasonous activities concerning the government.

Subject was specifically questioned concerning other individuals protected by this Service and he stated he has no interest concerning them, although he is a registered Republican and states he will vote for whomever the Republicans put up.

Subject was admonished concerning statements such as he wrote to Senator Church and he stated he would no longer write this type of statements but would continue to write to any Senator or Congressman he feels should hear his viewpoint.

The subject stated he is retired from the Youngstown Sheet and Tube Company in Youngstown, Ohio, and does possess a .22 pistol, six shot, brand name Clerke, Serial No. 205531. Subject stated he has very limited knowledge concerning this weapon, having shot it only once or twice.

Neither Handwriting nor typewriting specimens were obtained from the subject due to the fact that handwriting is already in possession of Intelligence Division. As previously stated, the subject does not own a typewriter.

(D) OTHER INVESTIGATION

Subject's name and DOB were checked with New Mexico State Police, Dona Ana County Sheriff's Office, and the Hatch Police Department. Subject is not of record with anyone, although he is known by the Sheriff's Office on a personal level.

(E) EVALUATION

The subject is not of protective interest at this time, therefore quarterly investigations are not being conducted.

(F) DISPOSITION

This investigation is closed in Albuquerque with the submission of this report.